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WILSON AWAITS REPLY FROM BELLIGERENTS

Exceptions to Demands Is Toned Down—Hope Held Out for Success.

ANSWER IS CERTAIN

But England Is Expected to Speak As She Did to Germany.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Washington is recovering slowly from yesterday's history-making developments. Washington officials are now looking to the foreign officers of the belligerent nations for the next peace move. As outlined in the early reports, exception was at first taken to President Wilson's overtures in both English and Canadian demands. This outspoken exception is today seemingly being toned down. The administration feels, however, that this feeling is not sufficient to cast any real gloom on the situation.

No Flat Refusal Expected.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—For the same reason that Great Britain and her allies did not flatly reject the peace proposals of the Teutonic powers, they will not flatly turn down the suggestions for peace offered by President Wilson in his message yesterday, was the belief in diplomatic circles this afternoon.

This opinion was voiced to a United Press Correspondent in an intimate and confidential talk today with the French and British embassies in Washington. At these embassies two reasons were given for this opinion: By flatly refusing the President's request for specific terms would be playing directly into German hands since Germany would then have an opportunity to reiterate her oft-repeated statement that the entente allies are responsible for the prolonging of the war. Such a turn-down would then tend to weaken the sympathy for the cause of the allies in the United States.

German Peace Terms Soon.

By United Press
THE HAGUE, Dec. 22.—Germany will declare her definite peace terms immediately if the coming return note from the entente allies in reply to von Bertmann-Hollweg's peace proposals leaves the peace door open, German dispatches state it was semi-officially announced today.

King George Against Peace Offer.

By United Press
LONDON, Dec. 22.—Proroguing Parliament today until February 7, King George added the weight of his word to the allies' stern rejection of a German made peace. "The vigorous prosecution of the war must be our single endeavor," his majesty said, "until we have vindicated the rights so ruthlessly violated by our enemies."

Concerned About Effect on Market.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—A resolution asking for an investigation of conflicting interpretations placed upon the President's note to the belligerent powers, and the consequent fluctuations of the market caused thereby, was introduced in the house this afternoon by Representative Wood, a Republican from Indiana.

The resolution asked that a committee of five representatives be appointed by the Senate to investigate and make a report as to whether or not anyone high in the administration of the government affairs in the United States, or any relative of anyone high in authority of the administration of government affairs in the United States, profited financially, either directly or indirectly, by fluctuations in the stock market, Thursday, December 21, following the two contradictory interpretations given to the public from the office of the Secretary of State, concerning the note of the President, dated December 21 to the belligerent powers.

Congress Won't Interfere.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Congress will let the President have free rein in his attempt to find a common ground upon which the European belligerents can meet to formulate plans for a lasting peace. Both houses today refused to introduce a bill to take any action on the President's action in dispatching his now historic note to European warriors.

The Senate, for the second time, refused to act on a resolution of ap-

THE CALENDAR

Dec. 21.—Christmas holidays begin at 4:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon.
Jan. 1.—Farmers' Week.
Jan. 3.—Christmas holidays end at 8 a. m. Wednesday.
Jan. 9.—Columbia U. D. C. memorial musical in honor of the birthday of Robert E. Lee.
Jan. 12.—Basketball, Missouri vs. Ames.
Jan. 17.—Glee Club opening concert, University Auditorium.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

Is common with practically all other newspapers of the country, it will be necessary for the Missourian to increase its subscription rates after January 1, 1917. The prices for the paper after January 1 may be found in another part of this issue of the paper. This increase in rates is due to a general increase in the cost of materials used in publishing, the chief of which is white paper. Present prices for white print paper in Columbia is \$6.70 a hundred pounds. About six months ago the price for a much better grade of paper was \$2.30 a hundred.

The Federal Trade Commission held a hearing at Washington last week in an endeavor to relieve the situation that is forcing many publications out of business. H. J. Blanton of Paris, Mo., owner of the Paris Appeal and William Southern, Jr., of the Independent Examiner appeared before the Commission as the representatives of the newspapers of Missouri.

The Federal Trade Commission is now working on a plan whereby the government may take over the distribution of print paper to insure the publishers of the smaller dailies and weeklies getting an even chance on the market with metropolitan newspapers.

The investigation in Washington last week brought out the facts that the tremendous increase in cost of print paper is due partly to a shortage of chemicals used in manufacturing wood pulp, the closing down of foreign pulp mills and the further fact that publishers of newspapers in every country in the world with the exception of the Central Allies are now buying print paper on the American market.

The exportation of print paper this year was the largest in the history of the country.

proval or take any action against the President's message.

British Take Egyptian Town.

By United Press
LONDON, Dec. 22.—After two years' occupation by the enemy, British forces have taken Elaiish, according to a war office announcement tonight. Elaiish is a fortified Egyptian town on the Palestine border.

Violent cannonading last night in the region of Lauder near Verdun was reported in today's official statement. Elsewhere along the western front it was quiet. The statement also detailed an artillery duel yesterday north of Monastir, which was continuing this afternoon.

CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY AT C. H. S.

Pre-Holiday Session in Charge of High School Seniors.

A Christmas assembly was given at Columbia High School this morning under the direction of the senior class Lorin Johnson, a senior, was in charge. The program was: Instrument solo, Miss Rachel Griffith; reading, Miss Ruth Reilly; songs by a quartet consisting of Leon Morris, S. English, Edward Woolworth and Reder Gardner; song by the High School chorus; chalk talk, Wilbur Brown; song, "If I Were a Rose," Kenneth Mitchell; talk on "English Corals," Miss Helen Ross; and the singing of Christmas carols by the senior girls.

Promotion for Journalism Graduate.

G. V. Kenton, graduate of the School of Journalism in the class of 1910, has been promoted to the position of assistant managing editor of the St. Louis Star. The Star has added the United Press telegraph service to its news gathering facilities. The circulation has advanced 30,000 in less than a year.

Three Couples to Marry.

Marriage licenses have been issued to three Boone County couples since yesterday afternoon. They are Dewey Vernilla and Miss Abbie Burnett, both of Ashland; James F. Cole of Ashland and Miss Sarah E. J. Lewis of Easley; and George Thomas Farrar of Rocheport and Miss Amelia Bernstine Cowden of Woodlandville.

ANOTHER JOURNALIST GRADUATE TO JAPAN

Harry E. Ridings Will Be Business Manager of The Advertiser

FOUR IN TOKYO NOW

Most of Staff Now Are Men From the University of Missouri.

Harry E. Ridings, who was graduated from the School of Journalism of the University in 1912, has accepted the position of business manager of the Japan Advertiser in Tokyo. Accompanied by Mrs. Ridings, he will leave Kansas City tomorrow afternoon for Vancouver and will sail from there for Japan on the Empress of Asia, December 28.

With Mr. Ridings, the Japan Advertiser will have four graduates of the School of Journalism on its staff. Glenn Babb, son of Secretary J. G. Babb of the University, is news editor of the paper. He received his degree in Journalism in 1915. Ralph H. Turner, who received his degree last spring, is on the reportorial staff of the paper and Oscar E. Riley of the class of 1913, is on the editorial staff.

After finishing his work here Mr. Ridings became alumni secretary and editor of the Missouri Alumnus. Later he went to St. Louis where, with the late Joseph Chasoff, a graduate and Earnest R. Evans, a former student of the School of Journalism, he was connected with the advertising department of the St. Louis Republic. From there he went to the Kansas City Star where he has been employed in the advertising department.

Mr. Ridings will probably remain in Japan at least three years. He will fill the position on the Advertiser made vacant by the death last fall of H. C. Brownlee, a native Missourian. Mr. Ridings formerly lived in Ham-



Harry E. Ridings, ilton, Mo. A brother, J. Willard Ridings, lives at 125 Stewart road, this city.

BUT SHAPIRO ALWAYS STAYS

No Back-Home Trip for This University of Missouri Student.

Some may come and some may go, but this student remains. For three Christmases F. E. Shapiro, a senior in the School of Journalism, whose home is in New York has stayed in Columbia. Since he came here in 1914 he has not passed out of Columbia's boundary.

In three years Mr. Shapiro has watched students come in with the excitement of freshmanhood; leave at Christmas to overcome homesickness; come back full of memories; then ditto to Easter and the big depletion in June.

In the summer he has become acquainted with the summer-school type the serious, pedantic, reserved school teachers. He has sighed through the six weeks between the summer session and regular session and played all over again the role of spectator.

NEW TARIFF BILL IS READY

Ten Percent Tax on All Imports Except Salt Planned.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—A joint resolution proposing a special ad valorem tariff of 10 per cent on all imports except salt, including those already passed and those on the free list, will be introduced by Representative Gardner of Texas in the house immediately after the holidays, he announced today.

CHRISTMAS DINNER IS PROVIDED FOR POOR

Mrs. W. T. Stephenson Reports That Only Four Baskets Are Needed.

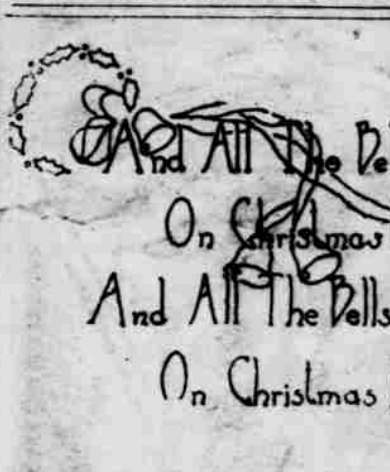
68 HAVE DONATED

Will Be Delivered Sunday Morning—Elks' Lodge Will Help, Too.

Every one of the families who have been found to be deserving cases will receive Christmas baskets contributed by people of Columbia. Mrs. W. T. Stephenson, chairman of the charity relief work, has the names of seventy-two families. So far she has sixty-eight baskets, and there is no doubt, she says, that the other four will come in soon.

The baskets will be delivered Sunday.

The Elks will also help the poor families in this way this year instead



of erecting a Christmas tree as was the practice in the past and as was planned this year.

After Christmas an old clothes social will be given by the Elks. The contributions will go to the poor.

GLIMPSE OF CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Just An Incident of the Season At the Postoffice.

He lives in Columbia and he isn't rich in gold. He went to the postoffice today and addressed more than a hundred, plain, inexpensive Christmas greeting cards to his friends. He was not well dressed—his clothes were slick, the elbows were shiny, and the cuffs worn. His shoes had evidently been half-soled before and his hat looked like all hats do that have been worn for three seasons.

But his face—when you looked there you forgot all about the shoes, and the threadbare suit. And if you had seen him count his money, to see if he was able to buy Christmas greeting stamps from the woman who was selling them in the lobby, you might have caught a glimmering of what you and your neighbors seek for at this time of the year—Christmas spirit.

Little penny cards filled with goodwill and friendship, and sent at a sacrifice, he had. But they radiated sincerity.

PAY NOW, OR PAY EXTRA

J. R. Jordan, County Tax Collector, Says Tax Payments Are Slow.

A last call has been issued to Columbia people to pay their taxes. After December 30 a penalty of 5 percent on each \$100 valuation will be imposed on all back taxes.

"The people have been unusually slow in paying their taxes this year," said J. R. Jordan, county tax collector this morning. "The cash valuation of the receipts probably is as high as it was at this time last year, but because of the special 25 cent road and bridge tax and the 5 cent increase in the school tax imposed this year, it means that not as many people have paid."

PLENTY OF WHEAT HERE

Enough at Boone County Mill to Last All Season.

"There's nothing in the talk about a scarcity of wheat at our mill," Hugh Baker, superintendent of the Boone County Milling Company, said this afternoon. "We have enough local wheat to last us almost the whole season, that is, until June. The season ends July. And by that time the harvest will permit us to make up this insignificant shortage with new wheat."

"There was a scarcity in the crop this year, but this was not only a local abnormality. It was general throughout the country."

THE WEATHER

For Columbia and Vicinity: Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday, becoming more unsettled Saturday; somewhat warmer. Temperature tonight between 15 and 20.

For Missouri: Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday, probably unsettled north portion; rising temperature.

Weather Conditions.
The atmospheric depression that was central near New Orleans yesterday morning has traveled northeast and at 7 o'clock this morning was central near Washington City. It is now a storm of considerable force. Heavy rain and strong winds have prevailed along the Atlantic Coast.

The cold wave is following close in the storm's wake; and we again have striking examples of the temperature conditions that are associated with the different pressure waves. Winter and summer are divided by a comparatively narrow strip of territory.

The Rocky Mountain region and North Pacific Coast are under the influence of low pressure waves, and the weather is moderating in those regions.

The cold wave is passing off to the eastward, and low pressure waves are approaching from the Northwest; and as a result the weather in Columbia will moderate during the next thirty-six hours, although it will become unsettled during the latter part of the period.

Local Data.
The highest temperature in Columbia yesterday was 8, and the lowest last night was 0; precipitation, 0.00; relative humidity 2 p. m. yesterday, 64 per cent. A year ago yesterday the highest temperature was 43, and the lowest 31; precipitation, .00.

The Temperatures Today.

7 a. m.	3	11 a. m.	16
8 a. m.	4	12 m.	20
9 a. m.	7	1 p. m.	23
10 a. m.	11	2 p. m.	25

And All the Bells of Earth Shall Ring
On Christmas Day in the Morning
And All the Bells of Heaven Shall Ring
On Christmas Day in the Morning
—L. Combs by Leona May

CHRISTMAS MAIL RUSH IS ON

Delay Caused 2 Deliveries This Morning; Local Office Is Prepared.

Columbia's Thursday afternoon mail was not delivered until this morning.

The Wabash 1:45 o'clock train did not run and the Katy train was about two hours late. The first mail to get into Columbia after the 7 a. m. mail yesterday morning was at 5:40 o'clock in the evening. The carriers made two deliveries this morning.

Everything possible is being done by the local postoffice force to avoid delay and congestion in the delivery and receiving of Christmas packages. Two clerks were stationed in the lobby who receive the packages and find the correct zone. Then they are taken to the stamp window where they are insured and stamped. It is then but a step to the mailing window. All this is done in but a few minutes and there is no confusion, crowding or trouble. The windows are plainly marked and it is exceedingly easy and convenient to get the package off.

Although this year's out-going mail is heavier than ever before, it is all sent out the day it is received. It took a big moving van to carry the packages from the Co-Op store to the post office yesterday. This was the biggest load ever taken from there. The post office insured about 500 packages yesterday, covering an approximate value of \$2,000.

Five wagons will deliver parcel post packages Sunday and there will be one delivery Christmas morning. Letters and packages in order to go out on the evening Wabash trains must be mailed before 7:15 p. m. To catch the M. K. & T. trains they should be mailed before 9 o'clock.

TWO LODGES NAME OFFICERS

Woodmen of World and Knights of Pythias Elect for Coming Year.

The local lodge of Woodmen of the World elected the following officers last night: James Woods, advisor lieutenant; M. M. Jacobs, banker; T. E. Loftis, clerk; D. R. Miller, escort; A. D. Johnson, watchman; Will E. McClain, sentry; Dr. J. E. Jordan, physician. Robert Gollaber was re-elected consul commander. M. D. Burnett was selected manager for one year; Will E. McClain for the two-year term and Dr. J. E. Thornton for the three-year term. D. W. Fox was made captain of the uniform rank.

The Knights of Pythias lodge elected the following officers Wednesday night: Chancellor commander, J. G. McQuitty; vice-chancellor, Paul G. Lyda; prelate, E. A. Williams; master of work, J. B. Hawkins; keeper of record and seals, Victor Victor; master of finance, C. H. Geery; master of exchequer, Morris Walden; master-at-arms, D. E. Crane; inner guard, E. S. Dysart; outer guard, Fred R. Dyson.

POLICE CHIEF SAYS TO LOCK THE DOORS

J. L. Whitesides Tells of Carelessness Which Results in Losses.

ONE MORE ROBBERY

Grocery Store in Negro District Entered; Change and Milk Gone.

"If the citizens of Columbia and University students would take common sense precautions against thieves and burglars there would be a marked decrease in the number of such cases reported," said Chief of Police W. H. Whitesides to a Missourian reporter this afternoon.

"In fraternity houses doors are never locked, and the same conditions exist at sorority houses where young women are alone, with the exception of a chaperon. Jewelry of all kinds, money and valuables of every description are left scattered on dressing tables, a constant temptation to the negroes who take care of the houses."

"Few Columbia citizens lock their doors at night and locks on windows are even rarer. After the Alpha Delta Pi house robbery a month ago locks were put on all the windows except the one which the robber had entered, and he got in through the same window Wednesday night."

"If these precautions were taken an intruder would make some noise, enough to arouse the people in the house, the police could be called to chase the robber away."

"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," says Chief Whitesides.

If Ora Arthur, escaped negro convict, is responsible for the series of unsolved robberies and holdups in Columbia, he knows his field well and with the departure of the students yesterday he confined his activities to one small robbery last night, that of a grocery store in the negro district.

Only a small amount of small change was taken but afterward the thief opened the store icebox and drank a supply of milk.

Chief of Police Whitesides said this afternoon that the owner of the grocery store said that he thought he knew who was responsible for the robbery and that action by the police was unnecessary.

No arrests have been made.

No new developments have taken place in regard to the robberies Wednesday night, although Chief Whitesides says that he believes the police are in better position now to catch the robber than ever before.

That the robbery of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity house and the Alpha Delta Pi sorority house was not the work of the same person is the firm belief of Chief Whitesides. He believes that the robber who stole the money from the clothes at the Delta Tau Delta house had an intimate knowledge of the surroundings. He believes that the job was done by some one who had either worked at the house or who was familiar with its construction and its occupants.

Chief Whitesides this afternoon defended the position of the police in wishing absolute silence from the victims of the recent robberies.

Chief Whitesides says that it is impossible to get one negro to tell about the sins of another and if it becomes known that a negro is wanted by the police that nearly the entire negro population of Columbia will aid in the guilty negro's escape.

RAILWAYS REFUSE TO HELP

Adjustment of Car Shortage Held Up by Eight Lines.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Adjustment of the nation-wide car shortage declared by federal authority to be largely responsible for the present high cost of living is being hindered by refusals of eight railroads to confer with the American Railway Association, according to a statement of the car shortage commission today.

Austin, Tex., Dries Are Confident.

By United Press
AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 22.—Prohibitionists today were striving to give the next legislature a dry spot in which to discuss the proposed state-wide measure, which is scheduled for the coming session. Travis County, in which the capital is located, is voting on local option. The dries are confident of victory, even though they have had to conduct their campaign without the aid of "Cyclone" Davis, who is detained at Washington.